JEFFREY DARDINGER, M.D.

Holder of License No. 42530 For the Practice of Medicine In the State of Arizona. Case No. MD-13-0236A

ORDER FOR SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND CONSENT TO THE SAME

Jeffrey Dardinger, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Surrender of License; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 42530 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 3. The Board initiated case number MD-13-0236A after receiving a Disciplinary Alert Report indicating that Respondent's Kentucky medical license was emergently suspended on February 6, 2013 due to his guilty plea to one count of illegal use of a minor in nudity oriented material or performance
- 4. According to a December 2012 news story, in January of 2011 the Ohio Amberly Village Police took a report claiming that Respondent repeatedly and secretly videotaped a child in his home using a hidden camera. Court records indicated that Respondent had additional images of a nude minor. On December 19, 2012, Radiology Associates, Respondent's employer, released a statement indicating that they had suspended him from employment immediately, pending a decision by the courts.

5. On January 4, 2013, Respondent pled guilty to one count of illegal use of a minor in nudity oriented material or performance, a felony in the fifth degree. On February 5, 2013, the Kentucky Board was contacted by an Ohio news organization and was informed of Respondent's criminal plea. On February 5, 2013, the Kentucky Board obtained the case information from the Hamilton County, Ohio Court of Common Please. The information charged Respondent with recklessly possessing or viewing material or a performance that showed a minor who was not the person's child or ward in a state of nudity and such material or performance constituted a lewd exhibition and/or showed a graphic focus on the genitals, in violation of Section 2907.323(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio. Also on February 5, 2013, Respondent appeared in Hamilton County Court for formal sentencing.

- 6. On February 16, 2013, the Kentucky Board emergently suspended Respondent's license due to his guilty plea. On March 16, 2013, Respondent was incarcerated, and the Kentucky Board postponed their hearing until Respondent's incarceration is completed. Of note, the Ohio Board, where the incident occurred, has taken no action nor provided notice to any other Boards.
- 7. Board staff received the Disciplinary Alert Report on March 1, 2013. On May 2, 2013, Board staff received Respondent's response in which he admitted to the charges and provided a copy of a psychosexual evaluation he underwent at AWARE in Ohio. His evaluators determined that Respondent does not have a diagnosis of voyeurism or sexual paraphilia. It was recommended that Respondent attend individual and group psychotherapy to help him address co-dependency issues and interpersonal dynamics, that he address his problematic use of alcohol which resulted in a DUI, and that he avoid contact with his stepdaughter.

8. Respondent admits to the acts described above and that they constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1401(27)(d)("[c]omitting a felony, whether or not involving moral turpitude. In either case, conviction by any court of competent jurisdiction or a plea of no contest is conclusive evidence of the commission"); A.R.S. §32-1401(27)(o)("[a]ction that is taken against a doctor of medicine by another licensing or regulatory jurisdiction due to that doctor's mental or physical inability to engage safely in the practice of medicine, the doctor's medical incompetence or for unprofessional conduct as defined by that jurisdiction and that corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct prescribed by this paragraph. The action taken may include refusing, denying, revoking or suspending a license by that jurisdiction or a surrendering of a license to that jurisdiction, otherwise limiting, restricting or monitoring a licensee by that jurisdiction or placing a licensee on probation by that jurisdiction.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.
- The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a consent agreement with a physician and accept the surrender of an active license from a physician who admits to having committed an act of unprofessional conduct. A.R.S. § 32-1451(T)(2).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent immediately surrender License Number 42530, issued to Jeffrey Dardinger, M.D. for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, and return his wallet card and certificate of licensure to the Board.

DATED and effective this 3 day of OCTOBER, 2013.

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By:

Lisa S. Wynn Executive Director

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

- Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.
- Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.
- 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Order.
- The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its
 Executive Director.
- 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.
- 6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any

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